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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1771

Attorney's Docket No. 31456/204621

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Monk et al. Confirmation No.: 7932  
Appl. No.: 09/776,576 Group No.: 1771  
Filed: February 2, 2001 Examiner: H. V.  
For: POLYPROPYLENE CORE COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL MEMBER

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004.

2. Applicant is  a small entity;  other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
five months*	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee of \$110.00.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT  
37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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